

## TOPICS IN THREE CITIES

## BOSTON—CHICAGO—SAN FRANCISCO.

**BOSTON.**

**POLITICAL—FINANCIAL—PERSONAL.**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TIMES.)

Boston, Dec. 25.—Secretary Hoar's chance for election is looking a shade better, if anything, his active share in the important work of the senate is telling in his favor, recalling the fact that he is a National figure of credit to the State, such as a new man in his place could hope to be for years to come. As it happens, the balloting cannot begin till January 15, so that there is time for this impression to deepen. As the Senator was elected over Mr. Boutwell by the refusal of his supporters to go to caucus, he is understood to reject his friend's proposal to make his election sure by means of the caucus. That's the kind of politician Mr. Hoar is. Another element is working in his favor. The old-time Butler Democracy is not quite dead. Judge Abbott says the Democrats must not efface themselves by voting for Long, but must nominate and vote for a candidate of their own.

the mind of the National Democracy that there

only one Democrat in Massachusetts. A like revolt against the one-man power is impending in municipal politics. The old-time democracy will attempt to put a check upon the towering ambition of Whitmore, the Republican head of the Democratic City Committee, who earned the ex-Republican Mayor-elect in his official letter notifying to him his nomination, that he must put none but Democrats on guard. He was all but defeated for the common Council by the treachery of jealous Democrats, and a determined fight will be made against his domination in the Council and in the Mayor's office. These ungrateful Democrats are doing a foolish thing in attempting thus to stamp out the chains of their organization.

The breezy incident of the week has been the meeting of the unfortunate stockholders of the Pacific National Bank, wrecked last spring in the knavery of its president, A. L. Benyon, now partly unknown, and the lending of the funds of the bank to T. C. Weeks, a reckless and long-discredited gambler. Weeks's counsel vainly attempted to throw the meeting off the track. Bank Examiner Needham and Receiver Best were handled very roughly in the speeches for valuing the assets at \$5,019,758 which were found to be worth only for \$598,709, and for "subsequent misrepresentation, deception and unwarranted threats."

ning to the stockholders." The poor stockholders

Dr. William Everett, the son of Edward Everett, and head of the Adams Academy, of Quincy, has given General Butler a taste of the boycotting in return for him, by publicly withdrawing from the Forefathers Day celebration at Plymouth, where the attorney in question had been appointed to appear, and must send a third of counsel amounting to \$100,000. The public interest in the matter is not surprising. The public interest in their misfortunes is the precedent to be set in the prosecution of the directors, whom they propose to sue at law to recover the money lost by their wrongdoing. An association was formed for this purpose, and an assessment agreed to to pay expenses of counsel in the suit.

e had accepted an invitation to speak, because the governor-elect was subsequently invited. Dr.

The *Boston Journal* gave the public and even the newspaper a genuine surprise this week by announcing a reduction of its price from three to two cents, from \$9 to \$6 a year. To the rumored enlargement of *The Boston Herald*, the popular two-cent paper, to eight pages, is attributed the move of its chief rival for the country circulation in New-England.

Colonel Francis A. Walker, Colonel Theodore Lyman, Colonel T. W. Higginson and their wives, to insult

Mrs. Langry by leaving the room on her arrival at the annual ladies' night reception, to which she was invited, is preposterous. Whether or not Mrs. Langry heard some malicious gossip to this effect, and thereupon sent her excuses pleading illness, it certainly has no foundation.

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CHICAGO.

## MUNICIPAL—THE STAGE—POLITICS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Chicago has the Christmas gift of an empty treasury, with creditors pressing upon it and the municipal authorities at their wit's end to know how the demands are to be met. It is a matter of encouragement to the Mayor that the streets are crowded and the stores thronged with customers. 'The wolf howls just as loudly at the city doors. It has been suggested that high

cense would supply enough revenue, but the  
major declares that the liquor-sellers "won't stand

and is seeking for some means to secure revenue without taxing the 3,000 distressed liquor-sellers who now pay only \$50 a year. Meanwhile the streets are so filthy as to be almost impassable. The police force is so small that not a night passer but citizens are not waylaid and robbed on the principal thoroughfares, but there is no money with which to increase the force. Chicago was never so much worse, albeit, though enjoying the ad-

administration of "the best Mayor she has ever

ad," to quote Mr. Harrison's own declaration. Outrages upon citizens by the criminal classes have increased to such an extent that the former are now moving to protect themselves. The Lumber Exchange, one of whose members was assaulted, have raised a large amount of money with

which to assist in detecting and punishing high-

aymen. It is also proposed to call a mass meeting of citizens to devise ways and means for protection and still another proposition is made that citizens arm themselves and patrol their neighborhoods. The whole city is aroused by the inefficiency of the police and the indifference of the Mayor.

ously that these persons are becoming discouraged and seriously talk of removing to New-York. It is

of likely, however, that New-York will get Mike McDonald, the gambling boss, as he is too well "fixed" with the administration, but it is not improbable that there will be a hegira of the less influential ones.

light, though it has leaked out to-day that the pro-

ious bitter enmity which existed between the two men has been overcome. Elliot is sick and the champion while here visited him and the two men became such staunch friends that from present appearances they will never meet in the ring. After appearing again in New-York Sullivan goes to the Hot Springs, and thence to California with "Jere" Brown, his manager.

The case of Mrs. Scoville, who was adjudged in

and some weeks ago, has been stricken from the docket by agreement, so that the new trial will not be bad. Report says she and her husband have made up and that the trouble between them will not appear again in the courts.

Mr. Miln, the actor, has made himself very much disliked at Rockford, in this State, by a personal

interference with a hotel-keeper over the bill of the company, and a knock-down was only averted by the interference of a third person. Creditors' bills were also pouring in, and the agnostic motor finds the stage a very hard road to travel and may indefinitely postpone his visit to Germany.

secured McVicker's Theatre for the performance of

his opera of "Zenobia" next spring. It is understood that Dora Henningsen, Lillian Russell, Charles